THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I do not understand this question. A separate question may be put.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, will not the movement of foodgrains in agricultural produce come under agricultural operations?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Because, that is a commercial transaction in which we are getting profit.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Do these tractors have registration numbers?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Yes, they have. The Police Department has got a register. Once in three months every motor vehicle has got to go and pay the tax.

Presentation to His Holiness the Pope

* 2 Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any memento was presented to the Pope Paul on behalf of this Government during his recent visit to India; and

(*b*) if so, what it is and the details thereof?

கனம் திரு. ஆர். வெங்கட்டராமன் : (அ) & (இ) ஆம். தூய போப் ஆண்டவருக்கு கீழ்க்கண்ட பொருள்கள் அன்பளிப்பாக வழங்கப்பட்டன :—

1. தூண்டா மணிவிளக்கு.
2. தேவாலயப் பொருட்கள்—

குடை
கொடி
சாமரம்
கண்ணடி
சந்திரபாதம்
சூரியபாதம்
விசிறி

3. பஞ்சமுக தூண்டா விளக்கு 16.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. Minister tell us who presented this to the Pope?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : One of the officers who was in charge of our show room there presented it.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, is it one of the officers or wife of one of the officers?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I am sorry, Sir, it is Mrs. Varghese who was actually present, that gave this.

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SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, I would like to know whether Mrs. Varghese is qualified to give it on behalf of the Government of Madras, and whether the Government have paid any travelling allowance for this purpose.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I think it is too small a matter to discuss in the House.

Bridge on the National Highways near Vidur Dam

*3 Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state— 3–10 p.m.

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the bridge on the National Highways near Vidur Dam has collapsed in the floods some years before;

(*b*) if so, the year in which the bridge was collapsed;

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to construct a new bridge at that place; and

(*d*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In the year 1960.

(*c*) & (*d*) There is a proposal to reconstruct the bridge and the approval of the Government of India to the estimate for the work is awaited.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. Minister tell us why, even though three years elapsed, the estimate for the construction of that bridge has not been prepared?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The estimate has been prepared. It has been sent to the Government of India. They have asked for some clarification and that is being looked into.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : It takes a long time to get the sanction of the Government of India. It is a National Highway, and there is a possibility of an accident. To my knowledge there is no road at all in that place. There is no road as per the specifications of the department.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : There has been some delay due to some arguments whether this washing away was due to the construction of the tank. That doubt has been cleared. An estimate has been prepared and it has been sent to the Government of India and we expect them to approve it as soon as possible.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : It is not a small delay. Whatever of it is when the estimate was sent to the Government of India, when do the Government think of getting their approval ?